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Opening Guns

Headline news this month is the extension of your streak, players - FIVE months in a row with no standbys called.

I realize that sooner or later somebody's number will come up, and that I've probably had extraordinary good luck with the incoming mails, but I'm really pleased with the calibre of play and degrees of maturity and commitment that this streak must represent.

Two gamestarts and two game finishes are in this issue. Joining the JIHAD "family" are a third variant game, The Song of the Night, and an all-Mensa game of regular Diplomacy - while the Wooden Ships & Iron Men challenge match came to an abrupt end, and the last of JIHAD's original Dip games, 1978 FK, resulted in another win for Eric Verheiden.

The rules for Bourse as it will be played here are on page 12. I've also "capsuled" two more game reviews, and spread several hobby snooze--oops, that's hobby NEWS--items throughout the zine.

Then there are the games in progress, led by the four-page press war in the Press Game 1981 C. Also, a different kind of Diplomacy contest is found in page 24's Contest Corner.

All in all, not too bad - though I'd have liked a bit more non-game material, I was swamped with outside stuff this month. I'm certain that the anniversary issue next time will make up for it, though.

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The Song of the NightGamestart

Fantasy fans of the world, unite! Here comes the nastiest fantasy Dip variant of them all...

Six players have registered for this section of Lew Pulsipher's The Song of the Night, as each volunteers to lead one of the Young Kingdoms towards the reawakening of the Known World that once was as one.

A (Andemon, Amyr, Troom home centers): Mark Larzelere, 522 W Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

B (Byssa, Bambeck, Ista): Dan Palter, PO Box 156, Cedarhurst, NY 11516

C (Cassan, Esurian, Isle of Dusk): David Anderson, 3281 Goldner, Detroit, MI 48210

D (Cath, Joaz, Isle of Dawn): Michael Crane, 219 Ridgewood Dr, Northfield, NJ 08225

E (Famira, Dhassa, Dol Shaiac): Richard Carlson, 1105 John Daly, Inkster, MI 48141

F (Eus, Esgair, Ened): Debbie Osborne, 7804 Penrod, Detroit, MI 48228

Yes, the field looks a bit like a local game, but my gut feeling tells me that it won't make a lot of difference. Besides, the BNC can't declare this one irregular...

Players should all have a copy of Diplomacy Games and Variants which contains the rules and maps. If you have any questions, send them to me and I'll answer them the best way I can. The designer of Song gets JIHAD, too, so I have another source of help if need be.

Winter 5000 set-up orders are due by 10:30 pm EST on Monday, April 27. These orders should include:

- 1) Designating one centre as capital. A castle will be placed there.
- 2) Placing one army, one fleet, and one knight unit into your three home centres, one per centre.

3) Placing one hero (H), one wizard (W), and one king (K) in any of your home centres. Name these pieces, if you wish. It'll add flavour.

4) Choosing four spells for your wizard, and three for your king.

5) Selecting a name for your country.

All of the standard rules will be used. NO optional rules will be used.

Good luck to all of you. I've been looking forward to this...

Game Openings are presently available in the following:

Regular Diplomacy - \$2.00 gamefee. Seven players - Osborne, Wilson, Jones, Slaughter, Murray are registered.

International Regular Diplomacy - \$5.00 gamefee. - Porteny, McDonald, JayBowen, Butcher, Pearson, Puentes(?) are registered.

One or two players needed - not more than one from USA, and priority is given to overseas players. This game will be played to six week deadlines. (P.S. I still don't have anyone to represent Canada - any takers?)

Bourse - \$2.50 gamefee (reduced! Those who paid \$3.50 are getting their extra \$1 back now.) No limit on players - Marsden, Carlson, Crane are registered.

This section is attached to the International Dip game. Rules for Bourse are on page 12 of this issue.

Incidentally - the high price on this Bourse is charged to help cover the extra costs of the international subzine PAX that carries half the game results (due to the six week deadlines). That's also why the International Dip game costs more.

Mercator III is full, I think. I'm awaiting confirmations from a couple of players. Anderson, M Bates, Davies-Morris, Del Grande, Marsden, Mercer, Monaghan, McDonald, Osborne, Palter, Shaddix, Wilson, Winter are on my lists as registered. This six-week deadline game will start in the next issue of JIHAD.

The Song of the Night is full, and starts herein.

Guest GMed Regular Diplomacy - Two players have registered for this game, which will be GMed by my mother Jeri in the subzine From Women Only. Write her - or my sister Pam - at this address concerning a gamefee or lack thereof.

One new opening - but don't look for it to start soon.

ANARCHY - Thirty-four players. Luedi is registered. Gamefee 75¢ (or to make it easy, I'll just drop an issue off your sub if you wish.)

This Diplomacy variant starts each player with ONE center and ONE unit. Don't worry about having to write 33 other players, though - if you don't concentrate on 3 or 4 closer to you, you won't last long enough to work with the other 30.

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Changes of Address

Mark Luedi (1981 N. Woolworth) - 5353 Fairdale, Houston, TX 77056

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Standby Lists

Diplomacy - Verheiden, D'Alessandro, Kelly, Mercer, Steagall, Moir, Shaddix, Palter, Larzelere, Puentes

A Mighty Fortress - Thorsen, Shaddix, Puentes

Machiavelli - Davies-Morris, Palter

Variants - Mercer, Wilson, Butcher, Davies-Morris (not all on this list are standing by in all games...)

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Hobby Census

The 1981 Postal Diplomacy Census is proceeding somewhat ahead of schedule (thanks to good rubber cooperation and a lot of help at home), so I've been able to put the deadline for mailing lists back to May 1st.

If you're one of those well-intentioned sorts that's been meaning to send me your list and hasn't gotten around to it yet, MAIL NOW, PLEASE. The USPS has already charged you a 3¢ surcharge for delaying, after all...

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APRIL FOOL!!! - Don't look for Anarchy to start, period. There is such a game, but I'm not planning to run it as long as space is tight.

Mensa #14Gamestart

Seven members of the Mensa Postal Diplomacy Special Interest Group have registered for this all-M game of regular Diplomacy.

Austria: Michael Morris, 1657 Munroe Falls Av #17, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

England: Peter Gaughan, 2629 Portland #304B, Los Angeles, CA 90007

France: Michael Casucci, 4784 Onondaga Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Germany: Errol Platt, 3270 Havenwood Dr, Mississauga, Ont. L4X 2M1, CANADA

Italy: Peter Simpson, 812 Skipper Circle, Sacramento, CA 95822

Russia: Michael Whitty, 2021 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78705

Turkey: Paul Larsen, 4995 Torero Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Deadline for Spring 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern DAYLIGHT Time on Monday, April 27, 1981.

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WS & IM Challenge

British player Roy Henricks has conceded to the French team of John Caruso and Steve Heinowski.

Admiral's Log - HMS Bradshaw:

The battle goes poorly for us, as the slimy frogs seem to have picked up the advantage. Bradshaw can't last much longer at this rate, but she continues to foul up the French battle line. 'Tis time for the surviving crew to leave for sister vessels and get clear of the frog squadrons 'ere they manage to regroup. Certainly we shall trap them another time.

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Kingmaker 8001Turn 1 Parliament

Pole's nomination as Constable of the Tower of London fails in Lords 10-10-9, although it passed Commons 39-10-33. Percy's nomination as the Constable of Dover Castle failed both houses (10-10-9 Lords, 10-39-33 Commons).

Debbie Osborne's faction Logres makes third round nominations of Percy as Captain of Calais and Pole as Constable of Dover Castle. The deadline for third round votes is Friday, April 24, 1981 - although I will adjudicate and mail results early as soon as all have sent orders. Press follows:

Logres to England - Come on, guys, let's get this game started!

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Woolworth DiplomacyDELAYEDSpring 01

I received a proposal from one of the five players in this game in late February concerning a possible rules change. I informed that player that the proposal would be put to a player vote.

Unfortunately, due to personal difficulties early this month, I did not get notices mailed out to players. Therefore, in fairness to all concerned, I am delaying the Spring 01 deadline until Friday, April 24.

Players should vote on the following proposed rules change with their orders:

"The space North Africa is divided into two spaces: Morocco, a Spanish home supply center bordering Mid, Wes, and Algeria; and Algeria, a plain space bordering Wes, Tun, and Morocco. Also, Spain starts with F Mor instead of F Mid."

This proposal is a change that I almost included in the Woolworth design originally, which is why the proposal is being considered. FOUR votes in favor will cause the change to be made.

I strongly suggest that players submit two sets of orders - one if the change passes, and one if it fails. Remember that the new deadline is April 24.

Again, I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

Kingmaker 8002

Turn 1

Event Responses: Richard of York succumbs to the plague!Movement Phase

Beaufort(Corfe)-h42-h40-Bath-h31-h28
 FitzAlan(Chirk)-Shrewsbury-Coventry-Daventry-h22-StAlbans
 Grey(Rockingham)-h5-Coventry
 Hastings remains at Tutbury
 Holland(Compton)-d10-Exeter-h51-Weymouth
 Neville(Ogmore)-w35-w29-w28-w27-Cardigan
 Roos(Belvoir)-Leicester(c) ***illegal orders***
 Stafford(Leeds)-Blackheath-London-Barnet-Royston-h13
 le Christopher(Southampton)-s20-s18-s19-s20-Southampton
 le George(Rye)-s24-s22-s20-s18-Weymouth
 le Lucas(Whitby)-s32
 le Margaret(Lynn)-s30-hold-**
 le Nicholas interned at London
 le Rose(Plymouth)-s15-s17-s19-s20-Southampton
 le Swan(Berwick)-s32-s30-**
 le Trinity(Rye)-s24-s22-s20-s18-Weymouth

Combat: Neville takes custody of George of Clarence. Grey takes custody of Margaret of Anjou. le Margaret battles le Swan at s30 (200 vs 100). le Margaret wins (STORMS AT SEA), and captures le Swan.

Crown Card draws will be found inside the front cover.

Turn 2 Events: Non-events to Monaghan and Osborne; PLAGUE-Calais; STORMS AT SEA; STORMS AT SEA; PIRACY - FitzAlan to Arundel, Beaufort to Corfe.

Deadline for Turn 2 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern STANDARD Time on Saturday, April 25, 1981. Press follows.

Beaufort - I hate being at the bottom of the pecking order.

Neville to FitzAlan - What price to set sail from London?

Sleepless Knights - Turn 1 and we still haven't had Parliament. How come KM 8001 gets all the fun?

LIP Service (GM) to Sleepless Knights - Kwitcherbitchin. At least this one is off to something that resembles a start...

Grey - Is Grey Press allowed?

LIP Service - Yes, provided it's not datelined in such a way as to make it appear to be another player's. EX: another player's hometown is "grey" press by the classic definition, but it wouldn't be allowed here.

Neville to LIP Service - What titles and offices are there now in the Chancery?

LIP Service - Get FitzAlan to call Parliament after he grabs Henry, and you'll find out then. (In other words, I can't tell you now.)

E.L.O. to the Landed Gentry - Be it known that our just group is in the process of recruiting a strong force to place England under the rule of one King. We are open to discussion with all other factions having a similar goal. Long live the King!

Chirk - I, William FitzAlan, Guardian of King Henry VI, seek support for the Lancastrian cause. All interested nobles are invited to St. Albans to discuss the matter.

Grey to Stafford - Strewnth, but you run around a lot without seeming to get anywhere in particular. How come you are the only one afflicted with this disease?

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First Anniversary - Next Month!

This issue marks the end of JIHAD's first year of publishing. Next month's issue will be a 40+ page celebration of making it this far.

I'm still interested in a couple of short gaming- or hobby-related pieces for the issue. Appropriate sub credits will be extended to the contributors, who presently have provided me with quite an eclectic set of articles for your enjoyment.

If you're still thinking of submitting goodies, April 15th is my magic date. After then, I'll be busy exercising my limited typing talents in order to get #13 out on time.

1981 C"The Press Game"Fall, 1901

FROGS FRANTICALLY DEFEND; WAITING GAME PLAYED IN BALKANS

Austria (Kathy Byrne): a VIE-tri; f alb-GRE; a SER s Russian f rum.England (Arturo Guajardo): a WAL-bre; f ENG c a wal-bre; f nth-NWY.France (Al Pearson): f MID-bre; a SPA holds; a bur*bel.Germany (Jack Masters): a mun-BUR; a RUH s a mun-bur; f HOL-bel.Italy (Gerald Carne): a VEN-tri; a rom-TUN; f TYH c a rom-tun.

Russia (Keith Mercer): a sev-ARM; f RUM s a ukr-sev; a ukr-SEV; f fin-SWE.

Turkey (Tom Swider): a BUL holds, and gives Kathy a quarter; f bla-ANK; a CON s a bul.

Supply Center Chart

Austria bud tri vie gre ser (5) build 2England edi lon lpl nwy (4) build 1France bre mar par spa (4) build 1Germany ber kie mun hol (4) build 1Italy nap rom ven tun (4) build 1Russia mos sev stp war rum swe (6) build 2Turkey ank con smy bul (4) build 1

Neutral bel den por

French a bur must retreat to gas, mar, par, pic, or otb.

Deadline for Winter 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern STANDARD Time on Saturday, April 25, 1981.

Eric Verheiden has graciously consented to do guest commentary for this game. His observations on 1901 will appear next issue; his comments in each subsequent gameyear will be printed with the Winter builds.

Box score: Order sets submitted: 27. Press releases printed: 106. Press follows (and follows, and follows...).

Thrillsville - I protest! Even though this is a press game, we the players demand titles for each season! By the way Glenn, you owe us one from last month. I hope you're not trying to be like Martin (Dick)!

GM to Thrillsville - Not on your life...

Turkey to Russia - Your letter was late: hope promptness will go up. Thanx!

London - His Majesty's government regrets to report that the long reign of Queen Victoria has come to an end. Last season His Majesty's government was Her Majesty's government, but since Vicki's death, Her Majesty's government is His Majesty's government. In any event, Edward VII is now the reigning British monarch. Long live the King!HMS Ridiculous to HMS Whaleblubber - Well, at least we know what the H stands for now.

Scapa Flow to HMS Ridiculous - Quiet you two! You're under orders of radio silence.

German Reich to Rome - We have always and will always consider Tyrolia a part of the German Empire. Since Friendly Al told you otherwise, we have annexed Burgundy. Keep your nose out of Gallic affairs, or we will next annex Piedmont!

Black Jack to HMS Scapa Flow - "Joy of Jane" may not be our secret weapon, but it is certainly more effective than "blueberry whip."

Moscow to Tyrolia - I now proclaim this area should be the possession of the Russian Empire. So be it.

Duchess to Kaiser - Thank you for whispering in my ear. Your sweet talk assured I keep Trieste - remember I owe you one honey.

KB to AP - Congrats on winning the Nixon Award - see it really wasn't fixed - the best liar WON!

Turkey to Hazel Park - How many supply centers do I need before I can propose a concession to me?

Hazel Park to Turkey - More than anyone else...and it needs to be '05 or so.

Turkey to Italy - If at first you don't succeed, tri, tri again.
 Roma - The infamous General Giovanni "Chicken" Cacciatori has suddenly materialized from 1978 FK (and may I add, he arrived just in time). "I have come," he said, "in order that Italy may grow to the great stature that she did in 1978 FK." Meanwhile the General's third cousin twice removed (through his stepmother's illegitimate daughter's half-brother), the famed Admiral Alfredo (it was supposed to be Alfredo, but the clerk registering his birth dropped the l) Columbus reportedly was quoted as saying "Thank God that the General didn't arrive until I had convoyed the 1st Army of Rome to Tunis." General Cacciatori is said to have last been seen wandering the back streets of Rome muttering something about cub scouts with canoes to take him to Tunis.

M to 007 - You have failed in your mission to prevent the rendezvous of Allouette Pearson and Black Jack Masters. Where the hell were you. You can never rely on a license to kill when you need one.

007 to M - I'm here in Las Vegas where you sent me. You said Pearson and Masters would rendezvous here. I did meet a Ms. Proskin though, while seducing a chorus line. I am currently in her custody. Can you wire funds?

Burgundy - History's strangest battle was just won by German stormtroopers here in Burgundy. Friendly Al had armed his dreaded French "maginot" defense with millions of cases of "blueberry whip" that had been rushed in from Duluth, Minnesota. As the Germans marched in, French soldiers seemed to spring up from everywhere with a can of the stuff in both hands. They were deadly accurate with the stuff at close range. The Germans were not prepared for this and the stuff clogged and jammed their guns. Still the Germans persevered and marched on into Burgundy. By nightfall all French resistance had ceased and even though the entire countryside is stained blue and the sweet smell of nitrous oxide (used as a propellant in the aerosol cans of blueberry whip) is still in the air, Germany is in solid control of Burgundy.

Burgundy - Excerpts from an Associated Press interview with German Commander in Chief Schwartzen Johannes after the battle of Burgundy.

AP: "Well, Schwartzen Johannes, congratulations on your berry (excuse me, I mean very) nice victory. But please tell me, what are your next plans for German conquest?"

Schwartzen Johannes: (Looking at the blue stains on his tunic and touching a glob of the blue stuff on his arm to his lips) "Well, first of all, we are going to lick our wounds."

News Flash - The Austrian Government sent a newperson to see how Tom Turkey thinks. Snoopy came back with all the answers -

Snoopy: Hi, Turkey - tell me, what's it like being the only fan of the Brady Bunch?

Tom: She lied, the Brady Bunch isn't my favorite show. Captain Kangaroo is!! I love the Dancing Bear! We all know how well bears and turkeys get along!

Snoopy: The Russian has stated that Jacks is your favorite game - did he lie, too?

Tom: Yes, I like Old Maid much better. In Jacks you have to count, and I'm not too good at that. In Old Maid I get to look at all the pictures, and the Old Maid is so pretty! Want to play?

Snoopy: Uh, no - I'd rather know your favorite movie actress.

Tom: Well, everyone knows that - Miss Piggy! We have a little something going on the side.

Snoopy: Now I know why they call you Turkey and a mediocre Turkey at that - Bye!

Tom: Wait, come back - don't you want to know about Old McDonald?

Turkey to Bloodsucker - Why didn't you open to Bohemia?

Turkey to Italy - I'm a good friend of Marion's. Let me help you do the dirty work!

London to Constantinople - The Brady Bunch? My God, you are mediocre!

Black Jack to Bloodsucker - Don't forget our date in Bulgaria in 1906--or is that some other game?

Moscow - Admiral Nikito Cobraski was publicly flogged by General and Czar Alexander Venomoski, Jr. Reasons for such punishment were cited as his disobeying orders by moving the northern fleet to Finland instead of the Barents Sea. Noone had the heart to tell our beloved Czar that the fleet was docked on the south coast of St. Petersburg.

France to England - Three way alliance? Sure, but obviously the last partner isn't me; how about Italy.

France to Germany - I hope your penicillin shots don't work.

France to Russia - Say what?

France to Austria - Not even with the other guy's.

France to Italy - Loose lips not only sink ships, but also scuttle possible alliances.

France to Turkey - Forget the "Honest Al" stuff in this game. These players aren't gullible enough to buy it.

Rusty Knight to Duchess - My pipes are great!

London to Europe - Mass apologies to all who felt slighted by our unusually light correspondence efforts this past season. Preparations for the great druid Festival of the Vernal Equinox preoccupied the nation. The rites of Spring must take place. Dignitaries from the Great (and not so great) Powers are cordially invited to the Festival of the Summer Solstice when Ms. K. Lucretia Bloodsucker Byrne will act as guest High Priestess of the Rites of Summer, performing the blood sacrifice at Stonehenge and choosing a victim from the body of spectators. Since the English common law prohibits the sacrifice of British citizens, foreigners are eagerly urged to attend.

Moscow to Ankara - Maybe I was wrong in accusing you of cross-gaming, but you left me little room to question it since you fed this information to numerous members of the game. Besides, your offer was nice but I received one that I couldn't refuse.

Turkey to Snake - Sorry 'bout that.

Constantinople to Buda's Brest - Kiss Gary's you-know-what!

Tom to Arturo - Did you know that the Knights of the Round Table frequented a small tavern in Wales? They liked the service and drink so much that they Camelot!

Hazel Park - Know how to tell Tom Turkey's writing in a black press game? Well, it isn't easy, but after a while his puns just swide on by...

Berlin to London - Yes, your reports from Amnesty International are correct, Alfred Rodriguez is being held as a hostage against his will. This is being done at the request of two very esteemed persons: (1) Mike Conner, who wants him held until he "remembers the Alamo", and (2) Al Pearson, who wants him held in order to "keep Jane Proskin safe for all of us."

Bloodsucker to Liar Pearson - Thank you for saving my country while destroying yours - so your lies finally caught up with you. Too bad, your plan might have worked if none of the four countries involved talked to each other - but this is Diplomacy, not Charades.

Austrian Rover to Rome Casanova - Since sis says I'm being too hard on you I'll give you a piece of the Turkey! Well, it's better than a piece of a rock! Care to join me or do you want to keep silent - if you choose silence you not only won't get a piece of the rock, you'll miss out on the Gobble Gobble feast!

Paris - The latest French government has been overthrown by a group supporting Alan Le Aire. Before becoming a successful politician, Le Aire was a salesman of used automobiles. Would you take a used supply center from this man?

Hazel Park - Apparently there are some who would...

London to Paris - Are you trying to tell us that the "Mona Nucleolisa" we have is a fake?

Rags to Riches - Aw you know, you know about my debutante...

Riches to Rags - Yeah, but she just knows what you need; I know what you want - Bulgaria.

Moscow - Czar Alexander Venomoski, Jr., was put under medication today shortly after the Austrian Empress arrived. Whatever our Czar has come down with seems to be spreading since his aides and staff are also receiving their shots.

Thrillsville - For Sale: One Turkish Puppet. Wicked Cheap. Call (607) 729-2830.

Mediocre to Bloodsucker - Actually, you said if Austria is a fool. Why didn't you take my suggestion then?

Bloodsucker to Black Jack - So you're going to bounce Russia in Sweden for the Turkey - how are you going to do this - with paratroopers, or maybe you can bomb him out with Turkey eggs!

Bulgaria - Pepa, after months of skirmishing, has finally broken through Bulgarian lines and has established the autonomous state of New Macedonia. The young Sultan, having tasted the sweetness of victory, has decided to begin an extensive campaign in an effort to capture the Balkan States.

Sultan Pepa also declared war on Afghanistan, figuring that he should take it before the Russkies do, and upon the Dual Faced Monarchy.

"We come in peace, and in turn they accuse the Turkish Empire's faithful friend Tom Swider of stealing a picture! Can't let the glory of Turkey be trod upon!" Pepa takes a whiff from his pipe, and gives an evil stare to the picture of ~~Mona Nucleolisa~~ the Austrian Monarch.

"Although you're enchanting, you must go! If you won't do it my way, you will not do it at all."

Thrillsville to Kathy and Al - Re: Press item beginning with "Bloodsucker to Honest Al (Cough, Cough)". Kathy, when the Diplomacy Doctor tells you to cough, you're supposed to turn your head! And Al, when did "Blueberry Whipping" become a part of giving women physicals?

The Snake to Mediocre - Hsssssss!!! Who are the Raiders? Hsssssss!!!

Is that your checkers team? Hssssssssssssss!!!

Berlin to Chicken and Snake - Just remember, and Gary Coughlan is my authority on this, there is only a thin line between Sweden and Norway.

By the way, Snake, what were you doing in Finland?

Austria to Russia - This is a - sorry, Circle!

Thrillsville to Scapa Flow - No Caliph jokes this game. Hey, did you hear the one about the Kaiser going around a corner to get to a deli? He was taking a turn for the wurst. Yes, Vaudeville lives in Turkey!

Hazel Park - In that case, will somebody get the hook!

London to Constantinople - Thanks for the warning regarding France, but after a couple conversations with Friendly Al I can't see that he is all that bad. He is charming and personable, and he pleads his case quite well. I'm sure Black Jack must agree, since the two met somewhere in Southern California recently, and Al bought Jack dinner. The fact that I haven't heard from Germany since means either Al is a terrific diplomat, or Black Jack's meal was poisoned.

Thrillsville (A Paid Announcement) - I do NOT like the Waltons and John-Boy Walton. Nobody in their right mind would watch that trash. I say down with censorship! Down with the Brady Brats and Walnuts!

KB to Hazel Park - Is there a limit on press? If not, you may find we're the best writers in your zine - happy typing!

Switzerland - The great war has started. German and English troops have taken the lead in the surge toward the Louvre to return the painting of the Mona Nucleolisa to Vienna. The Italians, who typically do everything backwards, have attempted to take Vienna to the Louvre. This has displeased Kaiserette Bloodsucker to no end. The Russian expedition was temporarily lost in Finland, but is expected to get untracked soon. As for Turkey? Well to be completely honest, Turkey never really was a Great Power and at best can be regarded as Mediocre. Sultan Pepa intends to organize his own expedition to Paris as soon as "The Brady Bunch" goes into summer reruns in Istanbul.

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On Press

I suppose this is as good a place as any to review my press policies.

- No press datelined so as to appear to come from another player will be permitted. This includes most "Black" press, of course, and also covers areas like names, home towns, and the like.

- I don't edit press, unless I shorten it to fit available space.

- Press containing excessively vulgar, abusive, or obscene language will not be printed.

- No specific limits exist on press length; just use good judgement, and remember that well-phrased short items often carry more punch than longer stuff. If I run out of room, the long items are first to be dropped.

- At this time, I don't allow "yellow" press (press from people not involved in a particular game).

- My reserved datelines include "Hazel Park"; "London International Press Service" and its diminutives (Kingmaker); and "Fopiparg" (Song of the Night). No player may ever use my reserved datelines as their own.

~~Machiavelli 8001~~Fall, 1513

TURKS ELIMINATED. Disease, Corruption Make Austro-Venetian Blitzkrieg A Success. Papacy Invades Neapolitan Areas. Milan Changes Hands Again.

Expenditures: Austria loans Venice 2d on unspecified terms.

Venice orders H-Slavo-12d--the Turkish A2 Slavonia is disbanded.

New TLs - A:1d, V:0d. Others unchanged.

Austria (William Osmanson): A1 tyrolea a MILAN; A2 austria a HUNGARY; A3 messina a DURAZZO; A5 TRENT besieges (auto garr removed); F2 IONIAN t a3; F3 TUNIS holds.

France (Larry Boudon): A1 fornova a GENOA; A2 SAVOY besieges (auto garr removed); F1 egol a CORSICA.

Milan (Steve D'Alessandro): A3 turin a COMO; A4 mantua a PARMA.

Papacy (Clark Reynolds): a1 PISA to G1; A2 spoleto a CAPUA; A3 FLORENCE besieges; A5 ancona a AQUILA.

Turks (Don Del Grande): a2 slavonia a carniola (unit disbanded by bribe); F1 DALMATIA a croatia. ***SEE BELOW***

Venice (Mike Scott): A1 verona a FERRARA; A2 CARNIOLA a croatia; F1 la a ALBANIA; F2 lagoon a UA.

Autonomous garrisons remain in Arezzo, Florence (besieged), Montferrat, Piombino, Ragusa, Sienna, Turin.

The Turks have lost control of all of their home cities; they are therefore eliminated in accordance with Basic rule V.D.1. The fleet in Dalmatia is thereby removed.

Spring 1514 Famine Phase (rolls 11, 11, 2): strikes Venice, Carniola, Messina, Tivoli, Friuli, Marseille, Ferrara, Savoy.

Areas Controlled

Austria TYROL AUSTR PALER messi NAPLE BARI SARDI carin saler otran/tunis milan duraz hunga trent

France AVIGN marse SALUZ prove/piano forno savoy genoa corsi

Milan PAVIA CREMO SWISS MODEN/mantu como parma

Papacy ANCON PERUG ROME BOLOG patri spole urbin romag tivol/pisa capua aquil

Venice PADUA venic TREVI istri berga bresc veron vicen friul/carni ferra alban

Neutral turin montf lucca flore arezz piomb sienn ragus Croat pisto pontr dalma slavo herze bosni

///In this chart, "home country" provinces are before the slash, other controlled areas follow it. Capitalized areas are legal build sites if vacant.///

Income and Treasury Levels: Austria (1d)+32+6(var)-2(fam)=37d.

France (3d)+17+5(var)-4(fam)=21d. Milan (0d)+12+2(var)=14d.

Papacy (8d)+18+2(var)-1(fam)=27d. Venice (0d)+21+6(var)-8(fam)=19d.

Deadline for Spring 1514 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern STANDARD Time on Saturday, April 25, 1981. Press follows.

Turks to GM - Oh, your team lost in the first round in DIP BOWL. (Not to worry, though, my team lost too.) I didn't know you D&Ded. You actually put in a 'zine that John Boardman reads that you were going to fake a 'zine? Now that's ~~perfidie~~ guts. About the hobby mascot thing - are we actually going to let Larzelere and/or Conner get away with that "up-standing candidate" thing? Oh, I'm moving all of my press from this game to Mercator because there are 12 players I can write about. That's TWICE AS MANY as regular Diplomacy. 1981C, watch out!

GM to Ex-Turks - Looks like Scott and Osmanson have given you another reason to move your press - and everything else - from this game...

Venice to France - I'm ready to be of any service to you I can...

Venice to Papacy - Be careful, Ancona would be open behind you.

Venice to Austria - Hello!

Lynn to Hazel Park - Despite the effects the plague had on my units, I have to admit it. You're a GM after my own heart. I have dice like yours myself.

Marseille - It was reported that the French fleet annexed Corsica today in the name of the King. Some trouble was stirred up by an insignificant peasant named Bonaparte, but he was released for lack of evidence. Upon release he was heard to say that Corsica would rule France someday. The threat was dismissed as laughable.

Turkey (Constantinople Pre\$\$) - Sultan Ataturk 3/4 reduced from 1.09 announced today that after the successful siege of Constantinople a few years back (oh, 50, maybe 75 years) and the removal of the pro-Italian forces, the Turks are now planning a conquest of the Mediterranean area, but the Sultan couldn't remember the secret plan about where the attack would take place (besides, do you take the Sultan for a fool?) (The infidel who answers that last question gets to pay for an opening in my 'zine for the next 300 years.)

Parma - Wildly cheering crowds greeted Maximilian Sforza as he led his troops to end the anarchy resulting from the recent plague. The Sforza family has pledged to aid in the restoration of the devastated area.

Venice to Turks - Better stop talking in print - start playing/praying and write us if you want to stay alive. Good luck!

Hazel Park to Venice - That's funny, Mike.

Venice to Milan and Papacy - I know you may not like all my moves - but I deem them defensive - and I have not heard from you before sending in these moves.

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North America: 2020

June, 2020

Canada (Steven Davies-Morris): Builds f VANCOUVER, f HALIFAX, a OTTAWA, a EDMONTON, a TORONTO, a WINNIPEG, a THUNDER BAY.

C.S.A. (Marion Bates): a MEMPHIS, a NEW ORLEANS, a ATLANTA, f RICHMOND, f MIAMI.

Deseret (Mike Scott): a PORTLAND, a SALT LAKE CITY, a PHOENIX, f SEATTLE, f LAS VEGAS.

Mexico (David Anderson): a MONTEREY, a MEXICO CITY, f YUCATAN, a DURANGO.

Quebec (Debbie Osborne): a MONTREAL, a MONTREAL, a QUEBEC CITY, a FORT RUPERT.

Texas (Don Swartz): a OKLAHOMA CITY, a EL PASO, a DALLAS, f HOUSTON.

U.S.A. (Greg Stewart): a DENVER, a LINCOLN, a MINNEAPOLIS, a CHICAGO, a KANSAS CITY, a DETROIT, a PITTSBURGH, a BOSTON, f ANCHORAGE, f NEW YORK CITY.

Deadline for July 2020 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern STANDARD Time on Saturday, April 25, 1981. I have orders on file for Quebec. Press follows.

USA to CSA - I wish I was in Dixie.

USA to Quebec - Give me a home, where the buffalo roam.

USA to Deseret - California dreamin'?

USA to Mexico - Don't rock the boat.

USA to Texas - Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys.

USA to Canada - Let it be.

USA to Hazel Park - Let the good times roll.

Deseret to World - Sorry to be so slow in writing - my time has been little due to many pressures. I'll be writing more soon.

Richmond - Today CSA president Chester "Maddog" Maddox announced his plans to go to Newport News to inspect the Confederate fleet there. He also said he'd like to go to MichiCon this summer in Detroit if the Yankees would have him.

Deseret to Party Proposing Neutrality Pact - I agree! Will also work together with you - send proposals when you get moves, I'll wait 'til then to answer.

Paris - In recent days the French press has been full of rumours about the collapse of international relations on the North American continent. The famed glamour magazine, Paris Trash, contained a vitriolic denunciation of "militarist aggressive elements" in Canada who decided to purchase

German made tanks instead of the latest line of dress uniforms from Andre le Gaye. The renowned designer was mollified by promises from the "fine French boys in Quebec" to purchase lingerie from his latest "Military Mistress" line.

Milan - Due to mounting tension in North America, famed Mafia boss Don Del Grande arrived in Milan for an extended vacation. When asked for his opinion of the North American situation he replied "It's very bad for business. I wish that the President would put those upstart Confederates and Texans in their places. I'm tired of all this disrespect for law and order." He also stated that if the U.S. government needed a few good men, he'd be glad to provide them.

Caracas - Venezuelan army officers went on strike today citing the unfairness of North America having a variant of its own, while they sit around doing nothing. Army chief of staff Manuel Vo Mita said "All we want is a chance to do our bit for rape and tyranny. Why should others have all the fun?" It seems unlikely that their wishes will be granted in the near future, since international varianter Glenn Overby II is currently visiting the capitals of North America hawking his latest device, the "for-that-perfect-moment" dagger.

Tokyo - Nagasake Yoho, Chairman of Toyota, announced today that King Michael of Deseret has agreed to purchase tanks and trucks from Toyota. Mr. Yoho promised that he would do everything in his power to keep the war in America going until delivery of the equipment is completed. When informed that war had not yet broken out, Mr. Yoho smiled and said "Aah-So!". He then passed a scribbled message to an aide who ran out of the room yelling "Remember Pearl Harbour!".

Bermuda - Giovanni Cacciatori IV, great-grandson of the infamous Italian general and pizza-poisoner, recently offered his services to the U.S. government as one of Don Del Grande's "few good men". State Department officials eagerly accepted his offer and put him on the first available flight to Afghanistan, where it is believed he will direct Russian efforts to mop up the last group of rebels.

London - It was announced on BBC TV that mysterious acts of sabotage had occurred in all the nations of North America, and at their embassies abroad. The direct result of this is the immediate mobilization of the massive armed forces of these countries, all of whom are looking for an excuse to go to war. The source of these despicable acts is unknown, though Roy Henricks, Rod Walker and the terrorist group called Pazel Hark are high on the list of likely suspects.

Toronto - Our courageous prime minister announced today that due to the complete collapse of responsibility across the North American continent he had ordered the armed forces to a stage two alert. Mr. Davies-Morris also recalled over 100,000 reservists to act as reinforcements for front-line units. The Prime Minister belligerently stated that "anyone who bombs a distillery will get a fat lip!", and then went home to get roaring drunk, muttering "I might not get another chance!"

Quebec - Gilbert du Laire was elected Chevelair-in-Chief (sic?) de Quebec and offers free riding lessons to those interested.

////// - I, Monsieur Gilbert Du Laire, Chevelair-in-Chief of Quebec, do hereby join in alliance with Korg, President of the United States of America. We have agreed that further disaster is to be averted, strong measures must be taken. We are prepared to do so. (signed by both)

Zine Plugz

THE BUZZARD'S BREATH - published by Mark Matuschak, Hinman Box 3224, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755. TBB's first love is Third Reich, but the zine is also one of the oldest multiple-game zines in the pbm hobby (issue 37). Mark presently runs Source of the Nile, Stellar Conquest, Diplomacy, War and Peace and En Garde! in addition to 3R. Some unusual writing ("My Life in Russia", "I Was A Military-Industrial Complex") spices things up a bit, too. Subs 10/\$8 - the zine's a monthly.

The Class of '81 continues to swell its ranks - most recently with David Manuel's The Chamber and Allen Wells' Dot Happy. Details when I have them...maybe...

JIHAD Rules for Bourse

by Glenn Overby, with special acknowledgements to Tom Swider & John Marsden

1. Bourse is a companion game to a game of regular Diplomacy. Any person regularly receiving JIHAD may play by paying the gamefee UNLESS they are in the attached Dip game. No player may play in both a Bourse and its attached Dip game.

2. The object of Bourse is to accumulate the most Victory Points by buying and selling currencies of the 7 Diplomacy countries so as to amass the largest holdings of the countries that finish strongest in the Dip game.

3. Each player starts with 1000 units of each nation's currency - Crowns, Pounds, Francs, Deutschmarks, Lire, Roubles, and Piastres - plus 1000 US Dollars. At gamestart, 1 unit of any national currency = \$1US.

4. The play of the game consists of buying and selling the currencies of the various countries. During each season (Spring, Fall, and/or separated Winter) players may:

 - SELL currencies of any number of nations at current market price (hereafter CMP), receiving US\$ for same; and/or
 - BUY currencies of any number of nations at CMP, paying for them with US\$ in their account or received for current turn sales.

5. Restrictions on buying and selling:

 - Players may not SELL more than 500 units of any currency in a single turn.
 - Players may not BUY currencies unless they have enough US\$ on account and/or realized from sales this turn to pay the tab.
 - Players may not deal in fractional amounts of any currency except US\$.

6. At the end of each season, the GM will calculate a new CMP for each national currency. The CMP will rise by 1¢ for each 100 units of net purchases in a currency that season, or drop by 1¢ for each 100 units of net sales of a currency that season. Fractions of 100 units are not considered in these adjustments. Examples:

 - Players bought 1500 Lire and sold 700 Lire, making net purchases of 800 Lire total. The Lira's CMP goes up 8¢ for next season.
 - Players bought no Crowns, but sold 1999, making net sales of 1999 Crowns. The Crown's CMP drops 19¢.

7. Before each Winter season only, the CMP of all currencies is further adjusted according to the net supply center change by that country from the preceding Winter. Countries that gain SCs have their currencies rise, and those that lose SCs have currencies drop, by the following amounts: 3¢ for 1 center, 8¢ for 2 centers, 15¢ for 3 or more centers. These counts are based upon the SC situation before retreats.

8. There is no maximum limit on CMP. The minimum CMP for a currency is 1¢ as long as the country survives; however, when a country is eliminated, all trading in its currency is halted and the currency becomes worthless.

9. Victory is determined at the end of the Diplomacy game by computing each player's Victory Points as follows: the number of centers held by a country multiplied by the number of 100-unit blocks of that currency held by a player equals VPs received for that country. The total of the VPs received by a player for all surviving countries determines the player's final placement.

10. Note that the "value" of currencies at game's end has no bearing on victory; and that US\$, while necessary during play, are worthless in meeting victory requirements.

11. There are no NMRs in Bourse, nor are there standbys. Players who do not submit orders are assumed to be standing pat on their portfolio.

12. Players may join the Bourse at ANY TIME, by paying gamefee and starting with 1000 units of each surviving country, plus only 500 US\$.

Check page 2 under Game Openings for information on JIHAD's one opening....

~~1978 FK~~

VERHEIDEN WINS

~~Fall, 1909~~

By the way...the Draw Proposal Failed

Summer 1909...France retreats from TYH.

Austria (Ron Kelly): f GRE s Russian f eas-ion (not so ordered);
a BUD-tri; a tri*tyo.France (Gerald Carne): f TYH-ion; a PIE s Italian a ven; f CLY-nwg;
a lpl holds (no such unit); f HEL-den; f NTH s f hel-den;
a HOL-kie; a RUH s a bur-mun; a BUR-mun; f mid-SPA(sc);
a YOR (unordered) holds.Italy (Arturo Guajardo): a VEN s f adr-tri; f adr-TRI; f NAP s f tun-ion;
f TUN-ion.Russia (Eric Verheiden): f AEG s f ion; f BAL s a kie; f spa(sc)-MAR;
f BAR-nwg; f SKA s f den; f DEN s a kie; a NWY holds; f ION holds;
a BUL holds; f EAS s f ion; a SIL s a mun; a TYO s a mun;
a SER s Austrian a tri (ordered to move); a KIE s a mun;
a MUN s a kie; a BER s a kie; a VIE s a tyo.

Supply Center Chart

Austria bud gre ~~xx~~ (2) remove 1France bre ~~xx~~ par spa por lpl edi lon bel hol (9) remove 1

Italy rom nap ven tun tri (5) build 1

Russia stp mos war sev rum ank con swe smy nwy kie ber den vie bul ser
mun mar (18) WINS

The Austrian retreat is immaterial...

Congratulations to Eric Verheiden on yet another win.

Players who wish to submit endgame statements (most of you?) should get them in to me by Friday, April 24. They'll appear in the next issue of JIHAD, together with a gamesmaster's statement and the endgame chart.

Inevitably, the press follows...

St. Petersburg - The Tsar today announced the imminent end of European hostilities. "Leaders from all over Europe, including a new contingent from Marseilles, are now meeting in my Siberian vacation retreat and preliminary indications are that a peace agreement will be hammered out. The new border will stretch from Norway to Smyrna, from Kiel to Sevastopol. Two special interest zones will be created, one under the control of Archduke Kelly encompassing Austria, Italy, and the Balkans from his capital in Vienna, and the other under General Cacciatori encompassing England, France, and Iberia from his capital in Marseilles. We expect that peace will reign over all of Europe at least until the next war."

Rome to Paris - Well, Jerry, we gave it our best shot.

Rome to Budapest - It's been nice talking to you, Ron. Perhaps in the next game I won't have to direct my negotiations to a blank wall. Now that I have your work number, you can hang up on me.

Rome to St. Petersburg - Congratulations, Eric! Your victory is well deserved. You could have taken it a lot sooner, though, if you hadn't regarded the Austrian centers as sacred. If for some reason or another you have failed to gain 18 centers this season, you will force General Cacciatori to rise from his grave to haunt you.

Paris - R.I.P.

Roma - The Italian government votes YES to the A-F-I-R draw, as an equitable solution to the warfare that now plagues the European continent. Italy calls upon the Czar to accept these generous terms of surrender which will enable him to retain all territories that he has gained prior to 1909.

Hazel Park to St. Petersburg, Roma, Tucson, Azusa and Anyplace Else That Cares - We request an immediate accounting from all parties to the European conflict as to the fate of our MIA Cub Scouts. Failure to comply will result in a declaration of (press) WAR against all Europe. We have plenty of Brownies, Camp Fire Girls, C.A.P. cadets and Grey Panthers where those cubs came from...

Marseilles - The Russian fleet arrived today from Spain, to the tumultuous cheers of the city's inhabitants. At first it seemed that the welcome might be somewhat less warm, however after a number of leading citizens were given a tour of some of the fleet's facilities, they unanimously agreed to persuade their fellow citizens to join in the festivities. Several companies of troops went along to bring any non-participants back to the fleet for additional private tours of the facilities.

Roma - New evidence submitted by the attorney for the defense of General Giovanni "Chicken" Cacciatori resulted in the "Liberator of Vienna"'s acquittal from the charge of treason during his highly publicized trial. The defense pointed out that according to Russian military men in Madrid, Cacciatori had once again saved the nation by sending the Russians a false map which placed Italy in the vicinity of the Marianas Trench. This resulted in the Russians attacking the Japanese fleet instead of invading Italy. Reports from the Far East claim that Japan is now seeking to join the Franco-Italian ~~spaghetti~~ alliance against Russia, and is looking forward to punishing their arch-enemy as they had in 1905.

Once again a grateful nation proclaimed the good general a hero and allowed him to retire with full honors and pension to his estates in Tuscany. Unfortunately it has been reported that General Cacciatori has been assassinated while attempting to revive his pizza business. Unconfirmed reports claim that Cacciatori was murdered on the orders of the American industrialist and head of the Trilateral Commission, Glenn E. Overby II, for cross-game press. May the great man rest in peace.

Hazel Park (Trilateral Commission Hq) - An investigation by Swiss intelligence experts, headed by the crack operative known to the espionage community by his number 1981C, has revealed that General Cacciatori miraculously escaped an assassin's bullet and presently is in hiding somewhere near Naples. The body recovered by Italian newsmen is actually that of Cacciatori's wine steward, Arturo Bologna, who after sampling a liberal quantity of said wine staggered into Cacciatori's chambers, donned the General's dress uniform, and started out for the nearest army post to lead a march on Moscow when he met the assassin.

The suggestion in Italian news releases that this body was in any way connected to the attempt on Cacciatori's life is totally and completely false. A rebel team of Italian Boy Scouts called the Pasta Patrol has claimed responsibility for the attempt, claiming that the General had deserted their Hazel Park brethren to save his own skin.

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Game Review #7 - Empyrean Challenge

Empyrean Challenge (Superior Simulations, 524 Franklin Park Circle, Boise, ID 83709) is one of the best of the new games in the fastest-growing area of the postal games hobby - computer-moderated games.

EC in its original form is a 150 player game (!). There are 15 players on each of the ten racial homeworlds; they strive for control of a galactic cluster containing 100 solar systems and 500-700 planets.

Obviously, the game is science-fiction oriented - and incredibly detailed. It is a game of economic management as much as (if not more than) military strategy and tactics. Keeping track of your farming, mining, and manufacturing capabilities, plus monitoring your resources, collecting intelligence on other players/systems, and waging war or diplomacy as needed is a pretty tough task at times (as is deciphering a 5 page printout on the above when you pick up a standby slot). However, the game by its scope offers more potential rewards to a player who has the time than any other computer SF game presently out.

The rules for EC cost \$5.89, and the fee for each turn is \$4.00. Turns presently run each six weeks or so.

This game is not recommended if you already feel overloaded - but if you have lots of time (and not a little money), it's a very worthwhile gaming experience. If you inquire to the company about EC, the man to contact is Vern Holford. Tell him I sent you.

1980 KW

DID R/T PATCH IT UP?

Spring, 1902

Austria (David Agee): a VIE s a boh; a BOH s a vie.

England (Tim Bates): f NTH c a lon-nwy; a LON-nwy; f NWY-stp(nc);
f edi-NWG.France (Ned Nichols): a bur-BEL; f ENG s a bur-bel; a SPA holds;
a mar-BUR.Germany (Dennis Denfeld): f kie-HEL; f HOL s f kie-hel; a DEN holds;
a MUN holds; a ber-KIE.Italy (Deane Sperdakos): a TRI s Russian a gal-bud; a ven-TYO;
f rom-TYH; f nap-ION; f TUN holds.Russia (Steven Davies-Morris): a gal-BUD; a war-GAL; a MOS-stp;
f rum-SEV; f SWE holds.Turkey (Debbie Osborne): a GRE s a bul-ser; a bul-SER; f sev-ARM;
a con-BUL; f smy-CON; a ANK holds.Deadline for Fall 1902 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern DAYLIGHT Time on
Monday, April 27, 1981. Press follows.

Trans-Balkan Press Service (Army dispatch #3) - Reports have it that the highly decorated General Tetrazzini, having pacified the Balkan region, was given a delicate diplomatic mission. The Patriarch of Serbia has asked to see "the Angel of God who brings peace to the Balkans." Said angel was hauled out of the local bordello and given the Patriarch's request. "Who, me?" he asked, drunkenly. Tetrazzini was also ordered to locate his missing sergeant, who had not arrived at Constantinople. Tetrazzini set out for Serbia across the mountains, proceeding to split tires, break axles, run out of gas, and back one jeep over a cliff. Thommy and his flock finally hitched a ride with a passing caravan of gypsies and was last seen heading in the general direction of Serbia.

St. Petersburg - The Tsar wishes to make it quite clear that he knows who the trouble-makers in Europe really are, and recommends that the Austrians get their just deserts ASAP. Even the Tsar (noble, benevolent, and kind-hearted man that he is) can be roused to wrath and the Austrian attempt to rule the world has done just that! Fear not, ye slobbering Slavic minions, for SuperTsar is on his way to save you from a fate worse than debt.

Dublin - More news of English atrocities came to light today, with the arrival in Dublin of Seamus McBlob, an Irish peasant of note. He swore on a bottle of Old Bushmills that English troops had tied up the population of a whole village in County Cork and then drank all their Guinness. As if that was not bad enough, when they could drink no more, the English Protestant Heathens broke the remaining casks over the nearest Irish heads and then marched off singing "Boggarary" and other vulgar songs. These were so vile that they would offend Glenn's purity so we won't mention them in a classy publication like JIHAD.

Hazel Park to Dublin - Offend MY purity? Fat chance. I'll have to tell you about "The Engineer's Dream" and "The Ball of Ballynoor" sometime over a few bottles of Guinness...

Budapest - I'll be waiting elsewhere so have fun.

Turkish Tribune - Reporters in Constantinople today attended a press conference given by an exasperated Sultana, who was quoted as saying the following: "I would never degrade German press; I didn't know they could write. Of course, they wouldn't be clever enough to lie." The government's German translator has been fired - by a firing squad. The Sultana explained this move: "Berlin will soon speak a civilized tongue; I don't need an interpreter."

Melbourne - While on his world tour, the Pope delivered a stirring speech today to an enthralled audience, who were amazed that so holy a man could possess so clear an understanding of politics. In stern tones he rebuked Italy and Russia for attacking weak, needy, helpless and downtrodden Austria and ordered them "as good Christian countries" to lay off and put the boot into the infidel Turks. He also praised England for the courageous decision to attack the Germans, declaring that "they're only one notch above dogs." He went on to say "Kick 'em while you can",

amid the cheers and adulation of thousands of devoted Australians who roared at every word. (They'd been at the Foster's) In his encore he warned England to watch out for a French stab saying "Never trust anyone with garlic on his breath."

Moscow - The Tsar's Chief Minister, Rasputin, told Western press agencies of the recent favourable trade agreements signed by Germany and Russia. When pressed as to what the details were, he replied that there were many facets of the agreement which were secret, and which would be revealed in good time. He also mentioned the Cheka, at which point everyone dropped the subject and asked instead about the Tsar's skiing vacation. Rasputin's only comment was that the Tsar looked fit, happy, and had spent some time with an old and dear friend, who was not mentioned by name.

Trans-Balkan Press Service (Naval Dispatch #2) - Admiral Manicotti has been transferred to the Home Fleet in Constantinople. It seems the gunnery cadets have been placed on permanent assignment to Armenia - at least until they sink the Caucasus mountain range. The Admiral requested the transfer "before I strangle the brats." The Board of Safety of Constantinople refuses to allow the cadets back until their aim improves. "Those fools could start for Austria and wind up in Australia - following direct orders," Manicotti was heard to growl as he caught a train for Smyrna.

Sarajevo (NOT TURKISH PRESS - GM) - The Serbian government today expressed its gratitude to the great Tsar of Russia for his lion-hearted efforts on their behalf. They wish it to be known that his intervention has foiled the disgusting meddling of Austria, and has shown the world that the Slavs will be free no matter what the cost is in other peoples' blood. The official government spokesman also expressed a hope that Italian and Russian troops would finish the Austrian army by the end of 1902 "...so that the Balkan peoples may once again drink out of their streams, instead of paying extortionate sums to Glenn Overby for American bottled water."

Geneva - At supper last week the Tsar and his guests were overheard discussing the current mess in Europe. Among his guests was a familiar looking German officer who asked the Tsar what he planned to do about the Sevastopol incident. The Tsar showed his true humanitarian spirit, promising that "no harm will come to Manicotti since this kind of indiscretion will not occur again." Before retiring that night the Tsar offhandedly remarked that "it will be a great pity if I am forced to return the Admiral to Turkey via Greece, since they have a habit of firing people from guns, and that probably wouldn't do him any good." He also added that the Sultana wouldn't lie to him, so there was no point in continuing the conversation.

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Game Review #8 - Patterson's Diplomacy

Patterson's Diplomacy (Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon, NY 14502; cost 18¢ stamp) is a new Diplomacy variant with a twist - economics and more economics.

The game is played by 14 or more - seven "governments" moving Dip units, and seven or more "financiers" whose primary interest is the almighty buck (excuse me--Swiss franc in this game). All players have a vested interest in the two Bourses and the stock market, as governments need money to function, while financiers need money to win.

Trading occurs in up to 15 different currencies - the 7 major powers plus up to 8 minor countries - and 22 different companies' stocks. In addition, mercenary and National Guard units can be formed by financiers to influence on-board happenings, and governments can buy and sell in the markets (and possibly direct dividend payments, etc.) to place a check upon financiers.

PD looks like a real bear to adjudicate, but there's a lot of room for creative knifing. Mike has announced a PD opening in his zine Emhain Macha (subs 50¢/issue; gamefee \$2.50), so contact him if you think you'd be interested.

In the meantime, chalk up another winner for Mike Mills - certainly one of the emerging leaders of the Dip variant hobby. Keep it up, Mike!

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WEST?

Fall, 1901

France Builds Three...England in Holland...Germany in Burgundy

Austria (Mark Luedi): f alb-GRE; a SER s f alb-gre; a TRI-ven.

England (Michael Crane): f NWG-nor (ambiguous); f NTH c a edi-hol; a edi-HOL.

France (Larry Peery): f mid-SPA(sc); a bur-BEL; a spa-POR.

Germany (Greg Stewart): f DEN-swe; a mun-BUR; a kie-RUH.

Italy (David Anderson): a ven-PIE; a APU-ven; f ion-TUN.

Russia (Tom Ewing): f rum*bla; a UKR-sev; f BOT-swe; a SEV-rum.

Turkey (Mike Steagall): a bul-RUM; f BLA s a bul-rum; a ARM-sev.

Supply Center Chart

Austria bud tri vie gre ser (5) build 2

England edi lon lpl hol (4) build 1

France bre mar par bel por spa (6) build 3

Germany ber kie mun den (4) build 1

Italy nap rom ven tun (4) build 1

Russia mos sev stp war (4) build 1

Turkey ank con smy rum (4) build 1

Neutral bul nwy swe

The Russian f rum is annihilated.

Mark Luedi has a change of address; see page 1.

Deadline for Winter 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern DAYLIGHT Time on Monday, April 27, 1981. Press follows.

St. Peerigrad (Fall 1901) - Putra-Shave's advertising campaign today took a new twist as billboards appeared in Portugal, Spain, and Belgium, as well as France, the Empire, and the World. Informers noted the following examples:

The East Bank: Wouldn't you like a pooper Spaniel?The West Bank: Give a dummy bunny for Easter to your local teller.Peeris: Where is Coryell's Air Force?Peerijavo: Support your local cat house.Peeriguex: Who straightened Maggie Thatcher's teeth?Brest: And who does her hair?Brussels: Sprouts are a Frog's best friend.Bordeaux: Bubbles Pills for Champagne Lady of Opera!Madrid: El Greco painted our park benches!Lisbon: Englishmen prefer Port and Japanese drink Scotch!Rome: Italians drink more Scotch than anybody!Monaco: Who cares?Genoa: The ABC, dummy!Lemon Grove: Is this for the pits?Tulsa: Oral Roberts should stick to basketball!Berlin: Our 1812 is better than Detroit's!!San Clemente: SDG&E please explain those two big boobies south of the Western White House.Male, Maldives Islands: Hazel Park, home of future Hazel nuts!Liechtenstein: Stop the War in Tyrolia!

Ankara to World - Hi!

UPI Munich - It was confirmed today that Field Marshall Schlader strangled his aide-de-camp Fritz after the Munich army bounced off the Italians in Tyrolia. No action is planned against Schlader.

Berlin to Rome - Tyrolia Twitch = French Plan

Peerijavo (Nov 1 1901) - Cosimo Peericelli, Archduke of Peerijavo (Peerijavo is a small independent duchy between Venice and Trieste that borders on Tyrolia and the Adriatic as well), today denounced both the Italian and Austrian ((sic)) governments for their attempted invasion of Tyrolia. Specifically, the Archduke charged it had disrupted production of Immanuel, Peerijavo's latest movie for export (Peerijavo's leading industry is the production of X-rated movies for export).

The Palace - Rumours of a potential overthrow by Elton John and a French-based company called Potty-Trained had London in an uproar today. Secret counter-insurgency plans called for 100 Hazel Park cub scouts to disguise themselves as Hitler Youth to ferret out the traitors.

UPI Erlangen - Erlangen's own mayor, Igor Erlang, received happy news today. He has been promoted to aide-de-camp to der Field Marshall Munchen. Igor, waving happily to crowds at the railroad station, announced that he had a bold new plan to present to the Field Marshall. Igor also said that he felt proud that the army should overlook his hunchback and the fact that he is illiterate. "I will make the finest aide-de-camp that Herr Schlader ever knew!" he said.

The only comment from the Field Marshall's office was: "Plenty more where he came from." Whether this was in reference to Fritz or to Igor is unknown.

Berlin to France - I'm only taking Burgundy to save it.

Paris (Oct 31 1901) - In view of the worsening crisis in Europe the Republican Government today invited the only living descendant of the last Imperial family (See umpteen issues of EREHWON, etc. to understand the background to all this) of France, Sister Lurleen Maria Peericelli, to assume leadership of a Government of National Unity. Sister Lurleen's first act was to disband the Republican Government. Her second was to announce the restoration of the Imperial monarchy. Her third was to sign an exclusive contract as advertising consultant to Putra-Shave. It is assumed that, by the end of the year, Sister Lurleen will have ascended the Imperial throne, as soon as it can be found.

1979 HW

THE ANSCHLUSS IS WORKING
(Richard Sharp Would Love It)

Winter, 1904
Spring, 1905

Austria (Tom Thorsen): Build f tri, a vie, a vie-TYO; a VEN s a vie-tyo; f tri-ADR; f alb-ION; f GRE-aeg; a BUL-con; a rum-SEV; a GAL s German a war.

England (Dan Palter): Even if EDI's for nwg; if NWG's for edi; a BEI-hol.

France (Jim Moir): Build a mar. f tun-TYH; f nat-MID; a LON holds; f ENG s English a bel (ordered to move); a MAR-bur; a gas-SPA; a pie*tus.

Germany (Kevin Mooney): Build a ber. a FIN-nwy; f NTH s a kie-hol;
a kie-HOL; f DEN s f nth; a mun-BUR; a RUH s a mun-bur; a ber-PRU;
a WAR s Austrian a gal-ukr (not so ordered).

Italy (Mike Steagall): Remove fees, a *tus-PIE*, f LYO as a *tus-pie*.

Russia (Ron Kelly): Remove a ukr. a strp-NWY: f BAR s a strp-nwy: a mos-STE-

Turkey (Steve D'Alessandro): Even, f CON-aeg, a SMY-con, a ARM-smy-

The French army is annihilated.

Deadline for Fall 1985 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern DAYLIGHT Time on Monday, April 27, 1981. Press follows.

Ankara - All reserve units have been called up to protect the homeland from invaders.

Italy to World - Italians are lovers, not fighters.

Hazel Park - Unless they can trap invaders in a pocket and wipe 'em out.

England to France - Grab Lvp while you can, the jig is up.

Lynn - I was right last turn. What else can happen? (Don't answer.)

...and right back with what else can happen? (Don't answer.)

PEEK #2 is out (Jane Proskin - write to Occupant, PO Box 6824, Burbank, CA 91510), and Janie doesn't seem to be too thrilled with lots of my fellow hobbyists. Indeed, she cut her circulation down to just 50 from 200... seems as though some people were so indelicate as to suggest that she wasn't real, and neither was her zine. All I can say is - 1) Those pictures are pretty convincing to me, and 2) Jane's description of her encounter with Al Pearson fits him to a T. Besides, I liked Jane's prominent mentions of Jihad and 1981C. I'm sending her a few 18¢ stamps for future issues, and strongly recommend that you do likewise.

1980 IFITALY, FRANCE BIG WINNERS
Another Austria Bites The Dust!Fall, 1903Austria (Larry Boudon): a ALB-tri.England (Dennis Denfeld): f bar-STP(nc); f BAL-ber; f NWY s f bar-stp(nc); a DEN-swe; f NTH s f nwy; f nwg-NAT.France (Alan Dickinson): f iri-LPL; a wal-LON; f ENG s a wal-lon; a GAS s a par-bre; a par-BRE.Germany (Keith Mercer): a pic-BEL; a HOL s a pic-bel; a RUH s f hel-kie; f hel-KIE; a MUN-ber.Italy (John Daly): f VEN s a vie-tri; a BUD s a gal-rum; a gal-RUM; f TUN s f ion; a vie-TRI; f ION s Austrian f alb-gre (not so ordered, and the unit was A alb in any case).Russia (Roy Henricks): a stp*s a fin; a FIN s f swe; f SWE s a fin; a WAR holds.Turkey (Al Pearson): f GRE s f aeg; f AEG s f gre; f SMY holds; a con-BUL; a SER s f gre; a rum*s a ser.

Supply Center Chart

Austria ~~ven den~~ (0) OUTEngland edi ~~ven den~~ nwy den ~~swe~~ stp (4) remove 2France mar par spa por ~~ven~~ lpl lon bre (?) build 2Germany kie ber mun hol ~~ven~~ bel (5) evenItaly ven rom nap tun tri vie bud rum (8) build 2Russia ~~ven~~ sev mos war swe (4) even**Turkey con ank smy bul gre ~~ven~~ ser (6) even**

**may change due to retreats

Russian army stp must retreat to lvn, mos, or otb; Turkish a rum must retreat to sev, ukr, or otb.

Deadline for Winter 1903/Spring 1904 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern DAYLIGHT Time on Monday, April 27, 1981. Press follows.

L. Pearson to ? Daly - I do acknowledge that I occassionally tell untruths. I may tell more untruths than I should, but I am trying to cut down. As to you "holier-than-thou" players, I'm sure you all never tell lies. I'm sure you, for example, did not negotiate an alliance with Austria in 1900. I'm positive you never indicated to Austria that you were even considering not attacking him.

England to Germany - For someone with only a half deck of cards, he sure is doing a job on me!

L. Pearson to All - To those of you who never tell lies, I salute you. I would also like to get you in a big stakes poker game.

Hazel Park to L. Pearson - So would I; I could use the large supplement to my income with April 15th on the way...

Munich to London - All British spies in or around Germany are being captured and executed on sight. Should a few English tourists be shot by mistake, we apologize.

L. Pearson to ? Daly (again) - Hey, I called you, notifying you I was building a fleet last season, nullifying any arrangement we had. I also said there was a one season "grace" period when I wouldn't attack any of your centers. No lies there; maybe just stupidity in telegraphing blows.

Rome to World - The Ministry of Propaganda was perhaps somewhat premature in labeling the Turkish leader as a liar. After extensive talks it has been determined that the Fall 1902 attack on our unit in Budapest was merely an accident, not a stab. Cancel "Liar Pearson" and make it "Accident Al".

Ankara - Sultan Al-Said, Sultan of all the Turks (including Greece, Romania, and hopefully Serbia still), announced that in a divine revelation Allah has shown Al-Said that the Italian homeland is a cesspool which should be cleaned up for the benefit of the hobby. (cont. page 21)

A Mighty Fortress 8001

1536

WHEREIN War finally breaks out in Europe, as the unpopularity of French policies on the continent is dramatically underscored; another pact is brought to light; and the Turk congratulates himself on avoiding (for the present) the declarations that accompany increased military readiness...

Campaign Phase

England (Don Swartz): 0915 1n(*); 1312 1x; 1507 2a; 1513 1n(*); 1605 2a; 1711 1x; 1807 2n; 1811 1n(*); 1912 3ain; 2211 1a.
 France (Steve D'Alessandro): 1115 1a; 1504 2a; 1520 1a2n; 1521 1a; 1713 1n(*); 1714 1ain; 1721 1x; 1915 1a; 1921 1x; 2116 1a; 2117 2a; 2122 1a; 2223 1ain; 2522 2a; 2722 1n.
 Hapsburgs (William Osmanson): 1023 2a; 1319 2n; 1320 2n; 1321 2n; 1423 2a; 1624 2a; 1824 2a; 1926 3n; 2212 1a; 2313 2a; 2317 1a; 2418 1a; 2519 2a; 2617 1a; 2618 2a; 2719 2a; 2824 2n; 3412 2a; 3427 3a; 3614 4x.
 Lutherans (Tom Swider): 2316 1aWrt2m; 2408 1m; 2414 1x; 2416 1x; 2510 1aSax1m; 2611 2aAnhSax; 2613 2aHesMgd; 2711 1m; 2713 2aWrtMns; 2714 2m; 2813 2m; 2814 1aHes1m; 2913 1aBre; 2914 2m; 2915 1m; 3008 1aMck2m; 3111 1m; 3212 1aErn1m; 3401 1m; 3709 1m; 4109 1m; 4211 1m; 3009 1m.
 Ottomans (Chuck Higgins): 2730 1a; 3331 1ain; 3630 1n2a; 3917 4a; 4021 2a; 4027 2a2n; 4231 1n; 4722 1x; 5323 2x.
 Papacy (Debbie Osborne): 2411 1a; 2413 1a; 2612 1a; 2922 1a; 3023 1a; 3120 1a; 3226 1a2x.

Note that the Ottoman movement is permitted by a hitherto secret treaty provision allowing passage through Hapsburg lands south of hexrow 3318-3417-3518-3618.

No combat or theological debate possible (but wait 'til next turn...).

Taxation Phase

England - no change. 20,000 Crowns.
 France - no change. 22,000 Crowns.
 Hapsburgs - no change. 30,000 Crowns.
 Lutherans - add Metz(2). New total 16,000 Crowns.
 Ottomans - no change. 19,000 Crowns.
 Papacy - no change. 6,000 Crowns (limit).

Diplomacy Phase

Areas Controlled

England - Calais, England, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands.
 France - France, Scotland, Savoy, Genoa.
 Hapsburgs - Austria, Bohemia, Franche Comte, Hungary, Naples, Navarre, Spain, Tyrol, Portugal, Switzerland.
 Lutherans - All Germany EXCEPT Cologne, Mainz, Mark, Mecklenburg, Nassau, Trier, Wurttemburg.
 Ottomans - Ottoman Empire, Sardinia, Sicily.
 Papacy - Cologne, Mainz, Papal States, Trier, Venice, Milan, Florence, Tuscany.

Lutheran Religion: All Germany EXCEPT Cologne, Mainz, Trier; also Denmark, Sweden, Norway, all Polish cities.

The Lutheran player DECLares WAR upon the Papacy.

London - In light of the continuing reports of French atrocities in and around Edinburgh, King Henry VIII has reluctantly decided to declare war against France. As of this date English troops are enroute to Scotland to assist our brothers to the north. England has no designs on any other Powers, but must in good conscience end the vicious tyranny of the French troops over the poor Scottish peasants.

The Hapsburgs "by the will and grace of God declare war upon France."

States of War now exist between France vs. Hapsburgs and England

Lutherans vs. Papacy

I recommend that all players re-read the rules on Movement and the definition of "belligerent acts" as a guide to the effects of States of War.

Expenditure Phase

	Eng	Fra	Hap	Lut	Ott	Pap
Start 1536	37,000	50,000	83,000	20,000	46,000	9,000
Taxation	20,000	22,000	30,000	16,000	19,000	6,000
Gen Movement		- 8,000			- 7,000	
War	- 20,000		- 30,000	- 16,000		
Start 1537	37,000	64,000	83,000	20,000	58,000	15,000

R & R Phase

Entering This Turn: France 1x at 1815.

Eligible Next Turn: Lutheran 1537 reinforcements.

Deadline for 1537 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern STANDARD Time on Thursday, April 23, 1981. Press follows.

MAGDEBURG (UPI) - Comrade Phoom called an urgent press conference today about the eventual conflict with the Roman Catholic Church. Phoom released the following statement.

"Europe has been enslaved by the sale of indulgences, censorship, and the ever-ominous Inquisition. In the name of the One True God, we must purge the Papacy of its hold on the people of the German states, and the rest of Europe, by whatever means available."

Phoom mentioned that soft cushions, comfy chairs and the aid of some "Cub Scouts" from "Hazel Park" in the New World would be used in the struggle to free Europa.

Vienna - The Hapsburgs are at war with the forces of the anti-Christ. We call upon all peoples of "the Book" to join us.

Dijon to Geneva - Now who is massing on whose land! Is the whole Hapsburg army going south for the winter?

Constantinople (Turkish News Service) - The Admiral of the Ottoman Fleet was separated from the balance of his life recently for his failure to maintain proper formation in the Straits of Messina. The fleets scatter to the winds in fear of the wrath of The Magnificent One. Suleiman is reported to be evaluating villa sites on another sea while inspecting his western border. He is reported to be concerned over growing tension in Europe.

Geneva - The Hapsburgs' forces are arming themselves to battle the Inquisition.

Barcelona - All of Spain has risen in arms against the Inquisition.

Paris to Madrid - Charles, I demand that you stop spreading these lies about French intentions immediately. France does not now, nor will it in the future, support or harbor the Inquisition on French soil. You are not one to talk. How soon you forget Torquemada and the Spanish Inquisition.

Vatican City - The College of Cardinals celebrated the crowning of Pope Paul III here at the Vatican. It seems the passing of "Reverend Moon" was too much for an old man's nostrils and with much love Pope Clement was laid to rest. The new Pope, a much younger man, was also shocked by "that heretic in Magdeburg", and vowed to "recover the lost sheep of the German states". He also called upon all loyal princes of the Church to support him in this.

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1980 IF Press (cont. from page 19)

(PS-Thanks for not going into the joke about large chunks rising to the top should be sent to the Said residence in Ankara.)

Hapsburg Empire of Albania - The Emperor expressed the hope that the two powers of Italy and Turkey would sign a peace treaty with newly formed Albania and respect the young nation's neutrality. The Emperor was last seen heading for the nearest port. He is rumored to be enroute to South America.

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Did you know that they're planning to transfer tax collection from the IRS to the USPS? I like the idea - the USPS may not stop it completely, but they'll sure know how to slow it down...

A Mighty Fortress 8101

1532

Lots of Overtures, But Few Invasions. It Won't Stay That Way Long, Folks!!

Campaign Phase

England (Debbie Osborne): 1107 1ain(aug1); 1312 2ain; 1708 1ain;
 1711 2a2n; 1912 2a; 2305 1n.
 France (Lee McConnell): 1115 2a; 1116 1n2a; 1413 1n(aug1); 1505 2a;
 1713 2n; 1913 2a; 2012 2a; 2223 2ain; 2522 2a; 2723 1n.
 Hapsburgs (William Osmanson): 0227 2n; 0422 4n; 1025 2a; 1227 2a; 1424 2a;
 1926 2a3n; 2211 1a; 2312 2a; 2418 1a; 2617 1a; 2619 1a; 3116 2a;
 3214 2a; 3331 1ain; 3412 2a; 3427 2ain; 3614 2a.
 Lutherans (Sharon Bratcher): 2316 1m; 2510 1m; 2608 1aBre(*); 2701 1m;
 2709 1aBrn(*); 2711 1m; 2713 2aHesHes; 2814 1m; 2909 1aMgd(*);
 2910 1m; 2913 1aSax(*); 3005 1m; 3012 2aSaxMns(*);
 3111 1aAnh1m; 3113 1m; 3210 1m; 3212 1m; 3401 1m; 3509 2m;
 3606 1m; 4101 1m.
 Ottomans (Steven Davies-Morris): 3718 2a; 3720 2a; 3917 2a; 4117 2a;
 4127 1n2a(aug1); 4229 2n(2aug3); 4329 1n2a(aug3); 4927 1n.
 Papacy (Michael Crane): 2411 1a; 2413 1a; 2612 1a; 3021 1a; 3122 1a;
 3226 2a.

No combat or theological debate possible.

Key to adjudications - a=army, n=navy, m=missionary, x=mercenary, aug1=7-12
 hex augmented move, aug3=13-18 hex augmented move, * shows a unit whose
 plotted move was interrupted. Also, note that all Lutheran armies show
 their point of origin as well.

Taxation Phase

England - Dublin(1), Plymouth(1), York(3), London(6), Calais(3). 14,000 Crowns.
 France - Brest(4), Bordeaux(4), Rouen(3), Paris(2), Dijon(2), Marseilles(4),
 Edinburgh(1). 20,000 Crowns.
 Hapsburgs - Corunna(5), Madrid(3), Barcelona(4), Prague(4), Vienna(7),
 Antwerp(6), Naples(4), Palermo(2), Gagliara(1). 36,000 Crowns.
 Lutherans - Bremen(3), Magdeburg(3). 6,000 Crowns.
 Ottomans - Buda(3), Belgrade(2), Bucharest(3), Constantinople(6), Athens(3).
 17,000 Crowns.
 Papacy - Cologne(1), Mainz(1), Trier(1), Bologna(1), Ravenna(1), Rome(4).
 6,000 Crowns rulebook limit.

Diplomacy Phase

Areas Controlled

England - Calais, England, Ireland.

France - France, Scotland.

Hapsburgs - Austria, Bohemia, Franche Comte, Hungary, Naples, Navarre,
 Netherlands, Sardinia, Sicily, Spain, Tyrol, Milan, Switzerland.

Lutherans - Anhalt, Bremen, Brunswick, Hesse, Magdeburg, Mansfield, Saxony.

Ottomans - Ottoman Empire.

Papacy - Cologne, Mainz, Papal States, Trier.

Newly Taxed Cities: France - Turin; Hapsburgs - Geneva, Zurich.Untaxed Cities: Augsburg, Copenhagen, Florence, Genoa, Lisbon, Metz,
 Milan, Nuremburg, Sienna, Stockholm, Venice, ~~Wittie~~.

Add Wittenburg (Lutheran) to the Newly Taxed Cities.

Lutheran Religion: All Germany except Bavaria, Cologne, Mainz, Mecklenburg,
 Nassau, Palatinate, Trier, Wurttemburg. Also converted Denmark, Norway,
 Sweden, Danzig, Riga.Diplomatic Pouch

To His Grace The Pope, From His Servant Catherine of Aragon - My Lord: I
 can no longer tolerate being married to this overweight, over-aged,
 under-sexed Don Juan. He has been unfaithful to me with half my court
 and all England knows it! His doxies are then married to high nobles and
 all his bastards have titles. To me he gives only abuse. I have Biblical
 grounds, my lord. Surely you would not deny me redress. I shall not

be made a cuckold of any longer. I will be granted succor, I the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. I shall be redressed. I will be rid of him.--Your obedient daughter, Catherine, Queen of England.

England has (quite obviously) requested the annulment from the Pope. Under the rules, the Pope must grant or deny the annulment before the deadline for the 1534 game turn. The English player should submit conditional orders each turn until the Divorce Question is resolved, stating whether or not the Divorce will be pursued if annulment is denied. Similarly, if the Papal player denies the annulment, he should also state whether or not he will excommunicate if England goes through with divorce, enclosing a copy of the Papal Bull if appropriate.

Expenditure Phase

	Eng	Fra	Hap	Lut	Ott	Pap
Start 1532	7,000	10,000	18,000	4,000	9,000	6,000
Taxation	14,000	20,000	36,000	6,000	17,000	6,000
Gen Movement	- 5,000	- 7,000	-12,000	- 2,000	- 6,000	
Aug Movement	- 1,000	- 1,000			-10,000	
MMercenaries			-10,000	-10,000	-10,000	- 5,000
Start 1533	15,000	12,000	32,000	8,000	0	7,000

R & R Phase

Nothing this turn. Eligible next turn: France 2x, Hapsburgs 2x, Ottomans 2x, Papacy 1x.

GM Notes - A good start. I'd suggest that the Lutheran study the rules closely...all her army move failures were for the same reason. Lutheran combat units may not enter any German area until AFTER it has been converted - and conversion is not adjudicated until AFTER the Campaign Phase ends (during the Diplomacy Phase, to be precise).

Deadline for 1533 orders is 10:30 p.m. Eastern STANDARD Time on Thursday, April 23, 1981. Press follows.

Rome - Onward Christian soldiers...

Vienna - The Hapsburgs have noted the rise of the anti-Christ forces in Germany and call upon all peoples of the Book to stand against it.

Vatican - The Pope, seeking to halt the decline of European moral values, announced a ban on both "the pill" and all future annulments, citing rising divorce rates as a key factor in his decision.

Hazel Park - This press item above does NOT in itself constitute response to England's formal request.

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Misc.

HOBBY MASCOT - The results are IN from Mike Conner's Hobby Mascot poll in Lone Star Diplomat, and the winner is.....BRUX!

Jack Masters' dog BRUX edged out Conner's cat CARUSO and Bruce Linsey's dog TROUBLE in the "hobby-wide" voting. Details of the balloting were given in JIHAD #11.

Frankly, I can't see any of the front-runners as a mascot Dippers can really identify with, but that's life...

HOBBY QUEEN - Not to be outdone by Mr. Conner, Jack Masters has announced the "Hobby Queen" balloting in Black Frog #38. He runs through a list of real-life Dip-playing ladies and female cohorts of noted Dippers, plus a few speculative choices, and asks basically which "person" is most fitted to reign over this anarchy as Queen.

Nominations must be published in a North American zine by May 15th to be eligible...so if you have a candidate, send a nominating speech on her behalf, together with a picture if you wish, and I'll attempt to ensure that you meet the nominating requirements.

I'm sure that Jack would be happy to fill you in on more details (if anyone should want them)...write him at 25711 N ~~Peridot~~ Vista Fairways Dr., Valencia, CA 91355.

Who am I backing for Queen, you ask? I have a candidate or two in mind, but you'll have to wait 'til May to find out who.

Contest Corner

Gerald Carne first submitted the correct answer to last month's CC - the water was 17.05" deep where the flower was growing. Jerry thus wins the customary two free issues or a gamefee. Let me know which...

This month's contest is based on regular Diplomacy, and is actually two contests in one. The winner of each half gets a two issue extension.

1. You are England in a game of regular Diplomacy. You're having a feud with the Austrian player, and announce that you're determined to wipe the A-H player out at all costs. At first the other players laugh - then they begin to realize that you're serious, even though the idea is insane. All six of your opponents curse their luck at getting stuck with a fool like you, and place their countries into civil disorder.

How rapidly can you, as England against six CD opponents, eliminate all three Austrian units from the map?

2. In the second half of the contest, reverse the situation. You're Austria against six powers in CD. How fast can you eliminate all three English units?

In both cases, a proper solution will mean submitting all the orders required for accomplishment of problem conditions to me. Don't just say, "I did it by Spring '88". I want to see how.

In each case, the fastest solution received (earliest received will break ties) will win the freebies. Give it your best shot...

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Fake Contest

It's still going on until July 1st.

To enter, fake an issue of JIHAD, ENVOY, or LONE STAR DIPLOMAT and send me three copies plus verification of who did it.

A panel of three judges will "evaluate" the entries, and the best entry will win for the perpetrator a 24-issue sub to ALL THREE of the above zines...somewhere around \$60 or so at current rates. (Yes, Mike Conner has kicked in 24 LSDs, too, "since (he's) all in favor of egoboo.")

The challenge is there - are there takers? I STILL don't think y'all can do it...

Looking at Next Month

Next month's issue is, of course, the first anniversary issue of JIHAD.

So far the articles include two or three variant printings, a piece on elementary defensive tactics in Dip, a study of old zines vs. new zines, my retrospective on JIHAD's first year of publication, the first in a series of commentaries on 1981 C, a full-length game review or two, and a couple of promised goodies that I'll keep under wraps for now.

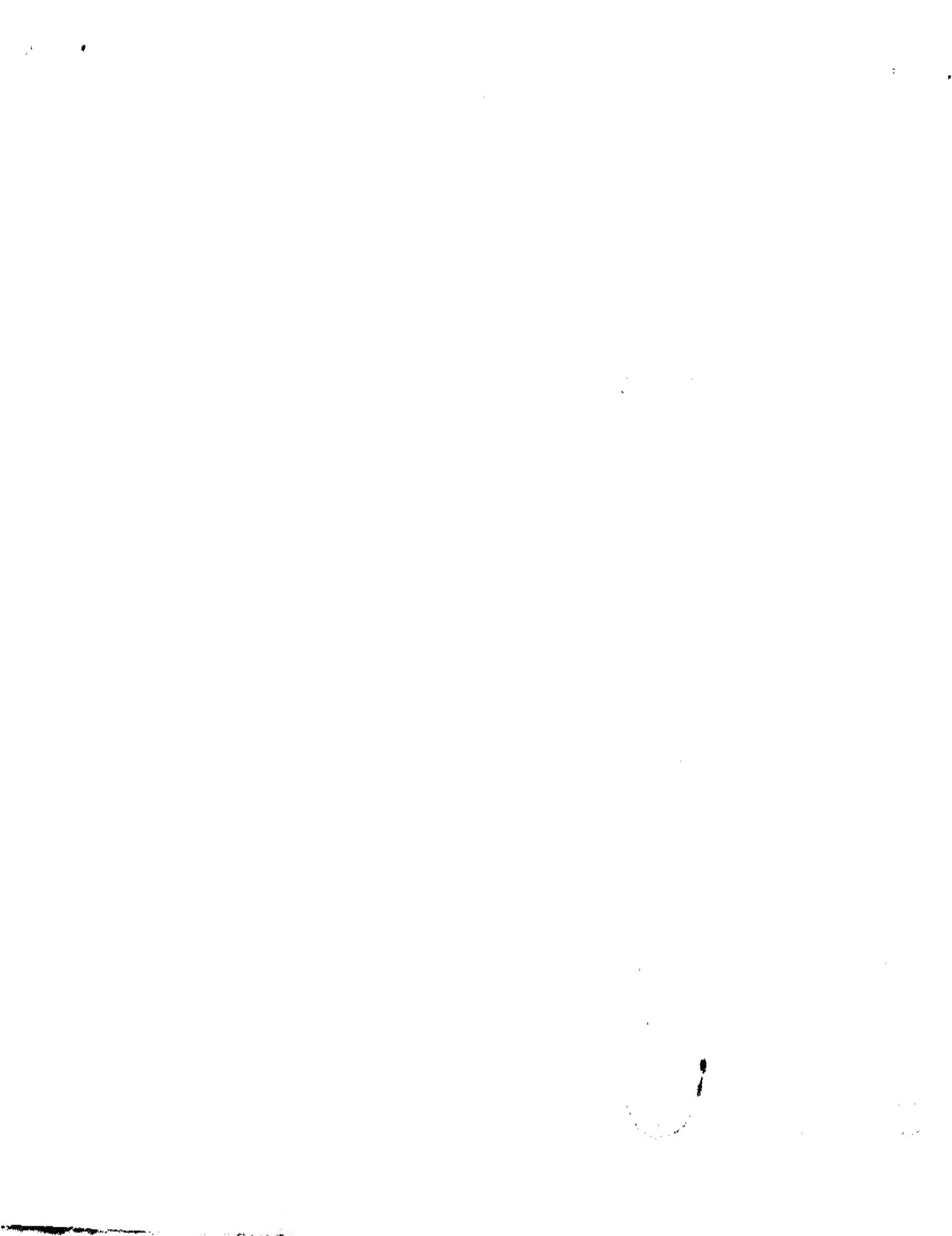
The subzines Pax and From Women Only will debut next month, too - one as a vehicle for international games, the other as a mouthpiece for different perspectives on this charming hobby. FWO will be edited by the other 2/3 of the Overby gamers, Jeri and Pam (mother and sister, if you care).

As I close up another issue, I'll get more serious than usual for a minute -

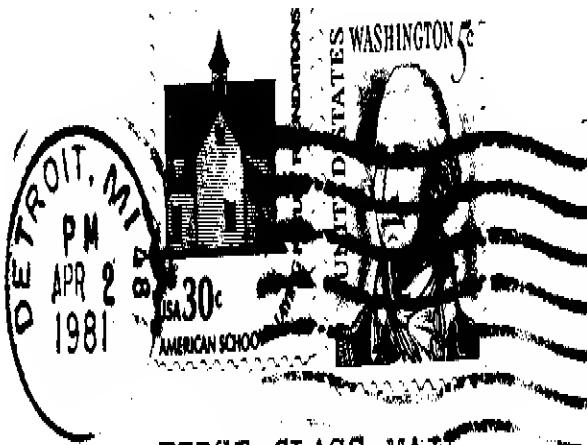
The shock of the attempt on President Reagan's life is still with me as I write this 36 hours later. Please join me in praying for the recovery of the three men who were wounded in the incident - Jim Brady, Timothy McCarthy, and Thomas Delahanty - as well as for Mr. Reagan.

Thanx - I'll see you next month...





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